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DEWEY'S GUN FIRE

Effect of American Fire on Montejó's Fleet.

Number of Times Each Vessel Was Struck
Official Report of Intelligence Officer of the Baltimore.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Lieutenant John M. Ellicott, the intelligence officer of the Baltimore, has forwarded to the Navy Department under date of January 1, 1899, a report on the effects of the gun fire of Dewey's fleet upon the Spanish war vessels in the battle of Manila. The report is based upon a personal examination of all the vessels, personal conversations with officers aboard and extracts from Admiral Montejó's official report. It describes in detail the effect of every shot from the American fleet, and proves that Montejó's vessels were riddled by a perfect storm of shot and shell from the American guns. There was a much larger percentage of hits at Manila than at Santiago. This is accounted for by the fact that Dewey's fleet made a deliberate attack with most of the enemy's ships at rest, while the appearance of Cervera's fleet at Santiago was unexpected and it was a running fight.

Lieutenant Ellicott makes this summary of the number and sizes of the projectiles which struck each of the Spanish boats:

Christina—Five eight-inch, five six-inch and thirteen other large shells, seven six-pounders and nine other projectiles.

Castilla—Two six-inch, twelve five-inch, four other large shells, three six-pounders and sixteen other small shells. Survivors also tell of three eight-inch shells which burst on the Orlop deck forward, amidship and aft, causing fires that could not be controlled.

Don Antonio de Ulloa—Four eight-inch, three six-inch, one five-inch and fourteen other large shells, ten six-pounders and one other small shell. Don Juan de Austria—Two six-inch or eight-inch, four five-inch, five six-pounders and two other small shells. Isla de Luzon—Three hits before she retired behind the arsenal and was sunk by her own crew.

Isla de Cuba, to which Montejó transferred his flag after the Christina was abandoned—Four six-pounders and one of small caliber. She, too, was sunk by her crew.

Marques del Duero—One eight-inch, one six-inch and three six-pounders. The Velasco took no part in the action, but was hit by a stray shell and was sunk by the Spaniards. The General Lazo took no part in the engagement and was exploded by the Spaniards. The Argos was also out of the fight, but was struck by a large shell and was shoaled by the Spaniards.

The total number of hits observable was 141, but there were doubtless many others, especially of small caliber through the rigging and burned superstructure of the ships. After painstaking inquiry Lieutenant Ellicott makes the following report of casualties:

Vessel.	Killed	Wounded	Total
Reina Christina	130	90	220
Castilla	23	80	103
Isla de Cuba	2	2	4
Isla de Luzon	6	6	12
Don Juan de Austria	22	22	44
Don Antonio de Ulloa	8	10	18
Marques del Duero	4	10	14
Shore batteries	6	4	10
Totals	167	274	381

The following points in connection with the examination of the Spanish ships is emphasized by Lieutenant Ellicott:

First—The sides of iron and steel built cruisers do not arrest projectiles enough to explode them.

Second—The incendiary effect of bursting eight-inch shells is great, and far greater than would seem proportionate to that of lower caliber shells.

Third—At ranges over 2500 yards the gun shields of cruisers are in no sense a protection, but insure the annihilation of the gun's crew and the disabling of the gun if struck by a large projectile.

Fourth—War ships of the present day will generally be placed hors de combat by conflagration and the destruction of their personnel before they are sunk by gun fire.

REAR ADMIRAL BEAUMONT.

Sketch of Career of New Commander of Pacific Naval Station.

In the British Navy and Army Illustrated of March 4 appears the following biographical sketch of Rear-Admiral Beaumont, who is to succeed Rear-Admiral Palliser in command of the Pacific fleet:

"Rear Admiral Lewis Anthony Beaumont, F. R. G. S., will on the 28th of this month hoist his flag on board the Warspite and sail on her to assume the command of the Pacific station. This is Admiral Beaumont's first flag command, but he has plenty of time before him yet for many opportunities, as he is only a little over 50 years of age, having been born in May, 1847, and will have been barely eighteen months a flag officer when he assumes command. His promotion, in fact, has been rapid. He was only 11

months a sub-lieutenant, and he obtained his post rank in less than six years from becoming a commander, and his flag just 15 years later; and his promotion has been well earned, for though he has no history of war service to record, he has seen one of those campaigns against the elements which try men more than actual fighting, and has ably filled several administrative posts. As a lieutenant he served with the Arctic expedition under Sir George Nares in 1876-77, and his services therein gained him his promotion to commander, and for it he wears the Arctic medal, with its snow-white ribbon. Upon his promotion to captain he was appointed naval attaché for Europe, but was soon selected by Lord Northbrook, the then First Lord of the Admiralty, for the post of private secretary, and in that capacity accompanied His Lordship on his special mission to Egypt in August, 1884. As a captain also he hoisted his pennant as a commodore of the second class in command of the training squadron. Finally he has just vacated the important post of director of naval intelligence, held since 1894. In 1895 he was appointed aide-de-camp to the Queen, an appointment he of course vacated on attaining flag rank."

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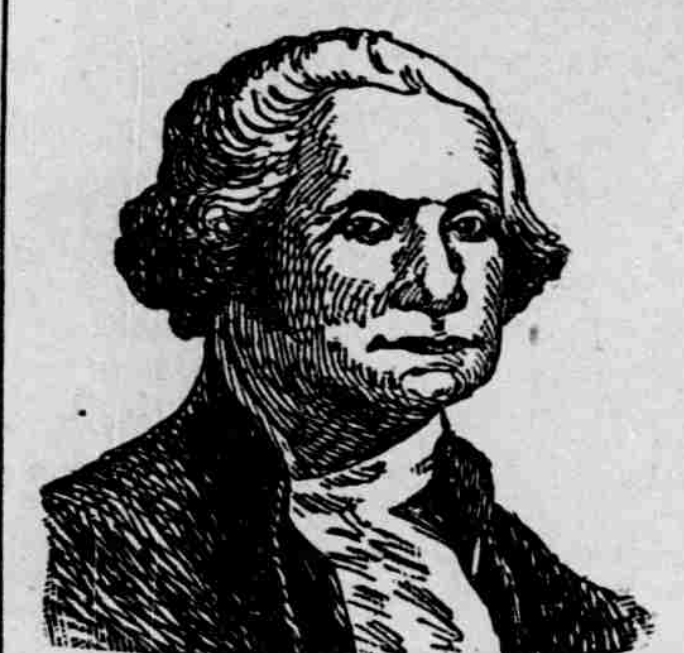
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